

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 42-53 are pending in the application. It is proposed to amend claim 42 and cancel claims 45 and 47-53 in order to put the application in allowance or to narrow the grounds for appeal. No new matter is added by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 42-44 and 46 are respectfully requested.

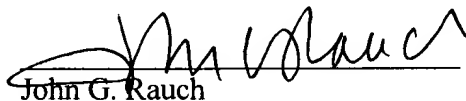
Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 45 stands objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim. However, the examiner has indicated that claim 45 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim. Applicants thank the examiner for finding allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, by this paper, independent claim 42 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 45 and claim 45 has been cancelled. Claims 43, 44 and 46 are dependent from claim 42 and are submitted to be allowable for the same reasons. Further, claims 47-53 have been cancelled in order to expedite allowance of the present application. Applicants reserve the right to re-file claims 47-53 in a continuation application claiming the priority of the present application.

With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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